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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic because friends raved about their service and I like supporting local enterprises. Affordable broadband is essential to both my wife and myself. She has extensive online contacts with a colleague at U. Michigan in Ann Arbor, and all of the file sharing and teleconferencing as well as research tools which Sonic Fiber access permits, IS ESSENTIAL. We were previously served by Sonic competitive DSL, which was good, but not nearly as effective as fiber. I also enjoy telephone service through Sonic. Limiting their access and increasing costs will unfairly challenge smaller businesses and enable monopolistic price gouging by ATT and other big providers. Fair competition produces some of the best of American business culture. Don't permit this petition from the big guys to take us backward in this brave new world.

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